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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of July 10, 2006 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that the print media guide is arranged to be coincident with the print surface so that the print media is guided across the print surface for printing without making direct contact with the nozzles of the printhead integrated circuits. Support for this amendment can be found at page 12, lines 23-27 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2-4 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of above-discussed amended independent claims 1, and claims 2-4 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Silverbrook in view of Olson, for at least the following reasons.

As previously discussed by the Applicant in the Replies to the previous Office Actions in the present application, the print media handling system 26 disclosed by Olson consisting of the feed tray 28 and output tray 32, is part of the inkjet printer 20 itself, to which the carriage 40 and pens 50 and 52 having the printheads 54,56 are separately mounted.

Accordingly, the arrangement of Olson in which the feed tray 28 (used as to claimed print media guide by the Examiner) is arranged to be opposite the printheads does not prevent direct contact of the print media with the printheads, as is required by the arrangement of amended independent claim 1. Thus, in any combination of Silverbrook and Olson, the resultant print media guide would not be arranged so as to prevent direct contact of the print media with the printheads.

Thus, the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-4 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Silverbrook and Olson either taken alone or in combination with one another.

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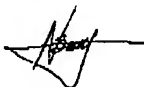
It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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